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As a taxpayer and citizen of the United States, I strongly urge the DOJ to accept the settlement offer. Like many American citizens, I feel this case was always more about protecting the interests of Microsoft's competitors than the interests of the American public. Let's let the marketplace, not the competitors or the government, decide who shall prevail in the software computer industry. The settlement terms will put constraints upon Microsoft to mitigate any real, imagined, or trumped up anti competitive behavior by Microsoft.

On a tangential note, I would love to see the DOJ shift its attention from attacking successful American enterprises, such as Microsoft, and focus instead upon protecting this country from the very real threat of anti-American extremists. As sad as it is to say, perhaps if the priorities had been set correctly in the first place, we would not have had to bear the horrible tragedy of Sept. 11. Perhaps that sounds like a cheap shot, but that thought is certainly in my heart and in the hearts of many other American citizens.